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specification which are included herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-23 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

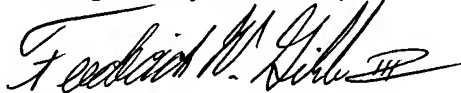
The above changes to the claims have been made to cancel claims being prosecuted in separate applications. This Preliminary Amendment leaves claims 1-7 pending in the present application.

The prior application is assigned of record to International Business Machines Corp., Armonk, New York, at Reel 011271, Frame 0192.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frederick W. Gibb, III", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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